

Friends of PMM Newsletter

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The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust

Dear Friends

Thanks to everyone who attended the Working Bee on Saturday. In my email regarding this we thought we would be tidying up around the carpark area as well as doing privet control. In August I emailed you a copy of an article about Tauhei Bush School. Chris May (the principal) kindly organized the children to spend part of last Friday's Bush School tidying up the car park! He emailed some photos of the result...



Thanks Tauhei School - your hard work meant we could concentrate on privet control. Prior to that however Chris Biddulph's friend Steve Donnelly joined us to plant a totara tree he has grown. Chris has provided me with some information on how he knows Steve and the background to the totara planting...

Steve Donnelly enjoys his sports, including running, hiking, cycling and cricket e.g. he has played for the NZ BLINDCAPS (www.nzbcainc.co.nz), participated in the Rotorua and Auckland marathons, completed duathlons at Pukekohe, hiked up Kakepuku, the Kauri Loop Track and so on.



I first guided Steve at a Hamilton Lake parkrun on Christmas Day some time ago, and have been a guide for him ever since, assisting him to complete various running events, hiking events and so on.

Steve is a member of Achilles Waikato, and I am an Achilles Guide (www.achillesnewzealand.org). For example, Achilles Waikato has training sessions on Wednesday evenings, and here is a photo of Steve and me at Porritt Stadium on 31 August (source: www.facebook.com/achnz/):

Earlier this year, during one of our conversations, Steve mentioned his totara and that it would get too big for his garden, so I suggested we could extract it and plant it at PMM, and he was happy with this idea. I got in touch with Harpal to check this donation would be okay, and she responded very positively. After various postponements due to weather etc, it was nice to be able to finally relocate Steve's totara to PMM on Saturday.

Please see photos on next page. Thanks to Chris and Nick for providing these.

Our next working bee will be on Saturday 15th October. I will email you nearer the time.

